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1. "The following buildings were in process of construction in Sofia in November 1952:
 - (a) Ministry of Electrification, from Hotel Imperial building (corner of Lege and Klementina streets) to Boulevard Dondoukoff. Turgovska street has been eliminated.
 - (b) Ministry of Heavy Industry, Boulevard Dondoukoff and Georgi Dimitrov Street (formerly Maria Louisa).
 - (c) Ministry of Light Industry, Boulevard Dondoukoff toward Sveta Nedelya Square. Fronts onto Dondoukoff.
 - (d) Party Home (Partien Dom), construction almost completed. Five-story building, the facade on Boulevard Dondoukoff is two and a half stories high. The foundations of the Party Home recently caved in, and concrete is now being used for soil reinforcement. Some of the engineers in charge of this project were arrested.
 - (e) The Soviet Army monument in the grounds of the Children's Park on Boulevard Rouski (formerly Tzar Orvoboditel), where a new palace had once been planned.
 - (f) The Milk Centre. Five story building, between two blocks on Alexander Stamboliys I and Sredna Gora Streets. The front is about 150 metres long.
 - (g) A hotel building is being constructed on Boulevard Dondoukoff and Sveta Nedelya Square, facing the Gastronom store.
 - (h) Three lots of apartment houses: one five story building on Graf Ignatieff and Rakovska streets; another five story building next to the above block, and another five story building next to the Biat building on Rakovska Street. The number of apartments in these buildings is estimated at some 700.

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- (i) The foundations of the Home of the Workers' City Council are being laid on Georgi Dimitrov Street between Zhdanoff (formerly Pirotska) and Raicho Tzanoff Streets.
 - (j) The area from Serdika Street to Georgi Dimitrov Street, along the latter to Sveta Nedelya Square and thence along Klementina Street and along to Luge Street is now closed to traffic.
 - (k) The most recent revision of the city plan provided for the maintenance of the Mosque and the Cathedral of Sveta Nedelya.
3. "During the past few years the following buildings have been erected in Sofia:
- (a) The Stalin State Polytechnic, at No. 2 Dragan Tzankoff Street.
 - (b) Ten blocks of apartment houses in the Konyovita quarter near the fire brigade headquarters, between Alexander Stamboliyski and Zhdanoff Streets. Each apartment house has 12 apartments of two and three rooms, each with a kitchen, hall, bathroom and toilet.
 - (c) Five story building of administrative offices near the Ministry of Health on Raicho Tzanoff (formerly Nishka) and Lomska Streets.
 - (d) Two wings of the V. Iliev Ohridski University between Shipka Street and Boulevard Rouski.
 - (e) A five story administration office building on Boris I and Ukzar Iosif Streets.
 - (f) Five blocks of community apartment houses, in three lines along Klementina Street near the Perlovets River. These were 'jerry built' and started to deteriorate immediately."

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